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GMT2 Scoping Comments

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to the Notice of Intent to begin an environmental review on ConocoPhillips' proposed Greater Mooses Tooth 2 (GMT-2) project. The GMT-2 project is yet another example of piecemeal and hurried development that threatens some of our nation's most vital natural resources, exceptional wildlife habitat, and access to subsistence resources for Alaska Native communities.

The GMT-2 project would be a continuation of ConocoPhillips' destructive Greater Mooses Tooth Unit 1 (GMT-1) project, which allowed a road and pipelines within the Fish Creek setback, a protected subsistence area. The GMT-2 project would not only double the physical size of GMT-1, but the adverse impacts to subsistence access and resources for Alaska Native communities.

Any new drilling on public lands is contrary to the efforts of the Obama administration to combat climate disruption. President Obama has stated that some fossil fuels must be kept in the ground to "prevent large parts of the Earth from becoming not only inhospitable but uninhabitable in our lifetimes." In addition, President Obama has recognized that energy development in the Arctic must be consistent with national and international climate goals. Recent scientific analyses find that already-leased federal fossil fuels, if all extracted and burned at current rates, would extend past the point when carbon pollution must cease if we are to stay below the global temperature limits of 1.5°C and 2.0°C. Furthermore, an end to new fossil fuel development on federal lands will lead to significant reductions in carbon emissions.

As the Bureau of Land Management considers ConocoPhillips' GMT-2 application, the administration must not continue to allow backsliding on key environmental protections. The Bureau of Land Management must fully evaluate alternatives to the proposed GMT-2 project, including the alternative of no development whatsoever.

Sincerely,

Carrie Mann

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